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NASA FOR DR. FLETCHER

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SUBJECT: US-USSR SPACE AGREEMENT: LETTER FROM ACADEMICIAN  
ALEXANDROV TO DR. FLETCHER (04.00)(04.00)

1. JULY 21 SCI COUNS MET WITH DR. V.S. VERESHCHETIN, VICE  
CHAIRMAN INTERKOSMOS, TO RECEIVE JULY 21 LETTER FROM ACADEMICIAN  
A. ALEXANDROV, PRESIDENT USSR ACADEMY OF SCIENCES, TO DR.  
FLETCHER, ADMINISTRATOR OF NASA. UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION OF TEXT  
OF LETTER FOLLOWS.

2. QUOTE. DEAR FR. FLETCHER: IN FEBRUARY AND MARCH OF THIS YEAR  
WE EXCHANGED LETTERS RELATING TO FURTHER COOPERATION IN THE FIELD  
OF PEACEFUL EXPLORATION AND EXPLOITATION OF SPACE. AT THAT TIME,  
BOTH SIDES NOTED THAT LARGE-SCALE PROJECTS COMPARABLE IN SCALE  
AND SIGNIFICANCE WITH THE "APOLLO-SOYOZ" PROJECT ARE IMPORTANT  
FOR OUR COOPERATION.

THE USSR ACADEMY OF SCIENCES IS READY TO SEND TO WASHINGTON AT THE  
END OF SEPTEMBER/OR OCTOBER OF THIS YEAR, OR AT ANY TIME CONVIENT  
TO YOU--A DELEGATION OF SOVIET EXPERTS HEADED BY ACADEMICIAN B.N.  
PETROV, CHAIRMAN OF THE "INTERCOSMOS" COUNCIL, IN ORDER TO CARRY  
OUT NEGOTIATIONS RELATING TO THESE MATTERS.

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AT FIRST WE INTEND TO PROPOSE DISCUSSIONS ABOUT THE POSSIBILITIES

AND MEANS OF REALIZATION OF A JOINT PROJECT CONNECTED WITH SPACE VEHICLES OF THE TYPE "SHUTTLE", "SOLYUT" AND "SOYUZ" AND THE CARRYING OUT OF A JOINT SCIENTIFIC WORK.

DURING THE TALKS, WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO DISCUSS IN A PRELIMINARY WAY THE MANNER OF JOINT STUDY OF THE QUESTIONS ON THE POSSIBILITY OF CREATING IN THE FUTURE AN INTERNATIONAL ORBITAL STATION ON A BILATERAL OR MULTILATERAL BASIS AS WELL AS OTHER QUESTIONS OF COOPERATION.

INSOFAR AS WE UNDERSTAND, THESE PROPOSALS AGREE WITH THOSE OF NASA IN MR. FRUTKIN'S LETTER OF AUGUST 12, 1975.

I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR REPLY ON QUESTIONS TOUCHED UPON IN MY LETTER. SINCERELY YOURS, A. ALEKSANDROV, PRESIDENT, USSR ACADEMY OF SCIENCES. END QUOTE.

3. VERESHCHETIN EXPLAINED TO SCI COUNS THAT ACADEMICIAN B.N. PETROV'S DELEGATION WILL PROBABLY CONSIST OF ABOUT TEN PEOPLE. HE FURTHER INDICATED THAT SOVIETS HAVE NO PRECONCEIVED NOTION AS TO TIMING AND WANT TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT THEY ARE NOT PRESSING FOR A MEETING, ONLY THAT THEY ARE READY FROM LATE SEPTEMBER ON TO MEET AT A TIME TO BE FIXED BY THE U.S. SIDE.

4. VERESCHETIN FURTHER POINTED OUT THAT THERE IS AN INTERNATIONAL ASTRONAUTICAL CONGRESS SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 10 THROUGH 16 IN ANAHEIM, CALIFORNIA. IN CASE THE U.S. SIDE WOULD FIND OCTOBER CONVENIENT FOR THE MEETING SUGGESTED IN ABOVE LETTER, MANY OF THE SOVIETS WOULD LIKE TO COMBINE ATTENDANCE AT THE CONGRESS WITH THEIR TRIP TO THE U.S. WHILE THEY WOULD PREFER FOR THE MEETING TO TAKE PLACE AFTER THE CONGRESS, THEY ARE ALSO READY TO MEET BEFORE THE DATES OF THE CONGRESS.

5. LETTER FROM ACADEMICIAN ALEXANDROV TO DR. FLETCHER IS BEING POUCHED UNDER REGISTRY NUMBER 3585283.  
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